

**BEMIDJI AREA SCHOOLS  
BEMIDJI, MINNESOTA**

**DATE** : NOVEMBER 21, 2022  
**TO** : BOARD OF EDUCATION  
**FROM** : JORDAN HICKMAN, DIRECTOR OF HUMAN RESOURCES  
**SUBJECT** : CERTIFIED STAFF APPOINTMENTS

**COMMENTS:**

Due to a resignation, a vacancy exists for a 1.0 FTE Social Studies/Work Based Learning Teacher at the Alternative Learning Center. Mr. Theodore Murray is recommended for this position. Mr. Murray received his Bachelor's degree from Bemidji State University. He was previously the Career Academic Advisor at Bemidji High School. He has been placed at BA10 step 0 on the salary schedule.

Due to movement of current staff, a vacancy exists for a 1.0 FTE Physical Education Teacher at Gene Dillon Elementary School. Mr. Derek Wangberg is recommended for this position. Mr. Wangberg received his Bachelor's degree from Bemidji State University. He has been placed at BA step 0 on the salary schedule.

Due to a resignation, a vacancy exists for a 1.0 FTE special education teacher at the Lakeside Learning Center. Ms. Christie Winchell is recommended for this position. Ms. Winchell received her Bachelor's degree from Bellevue University. She has been placed at BA step 0 on the salary schedule.

Due to a resignation, a vacancy exists for a 1.0 FTE early childhood special education teacher at the Paul Bunyan Center. Ms. Anna Whitlow is recommended for this position. Ms. Whitlow received her Bachelor's degree from Bemidji State University and Master's degree from the University of Denver. She was previously a paraprofessional at J.W. Smith Elementary School. She has been placed at MA step 0 on the salary schedule.

Due to a resignation, a vacancy exists for a 1.0 FTE Occupational Therapist. Ms. Tara White is recommended for this position. Ms. White received her Bachelor's and Master's degree from the College of Saint Scholastica. She was previously employed at Choice Therapy. She has been placed at MA step 1 on the salary schedule.

Due to movement of current staff, a vacancy exists for a 1.0 FTE Family & Consumer Science (FACS) Teacher at Bemidji High School. Ms. Kristi Ellingson is recommended for this position. She received her Bachelor's degree from Minnesota State University-Moorhead and Master's degree from Walden University. She taught at Bemidji Area Schools from 2017-2021 before taking a break from teaching. She has been placed at MA step 5 on the salary schedule.